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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 14, 15, 21, 28, 35, 39, 43, 45, 46, 47, and 50 as follows:

1. (Amended) A portable heater comprising:
- a housing having an air inlet, an air outlet, an exterior surface and a front, wherein the air outlet is at least as large as the air inlet;
 - a plurality of baffles located within the housing; and
 - a heating element located within the housing, the heating element capable of heating air flowing from the air inlet to the air outlet in a natural convection mode;
- wherein the baffles are constructed and arranged to help maintain at least a portion of the exterior surface of the housing at or below a threshold temperature during heating in at least a